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MIGRANTS IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of migrants are engaged in the non-formal sectors and domestic works in the foreign countries;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government are aware of the illegal movement of the migrants;

(d) if so, the details thereof and the number of such cases came to light during the last three years, State-wise; and

(e) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to check the illegal movement?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

(a) & (b): During the last three years the following number of workers were granted emigration clearance for employment abroad:-

1998 : 3.55 lakh
1999 : 1.99 lakh
2000 : 2.43 lakh

(c), (d) & (e): Sporadic complaints relating to the movement of migrants through unscrupulous agents/persons have been received. The details of the complaints against unregistered recruiting agents/individuals received during the last three years are indicated in the Annexure. As and when such complaints are received the unregistered agent/individual is issued a show cause notice under the Emigration Act, 1983 and in case the reply given is found to be not convincing, the concerned police authorities are asked to launch prosecution proceedings against such person for violation of the provisions of the Act. With a view to curbing the activities of such agencies, detailed guidelines have also been issued to the State Governments for issue ofnecessary instructions right down to the level of the police stations for keeping a strict vigil on the activities of such agencies.